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# Whose streets? Our streets! Resist the KKKop crackdown

### Y2K: Year of the kkkops in Toronto

All signs point to a long, hot summer on the way: the new police chief Julian Fantino; the police association's "True Blue" extortion campaign to fund their political ends; the passing of the provincial poor bashing legislation aka the safe streets act; and all the hype around making the young offenders act tougher. It will be a summer of repression, planned by governments and enforced by thugs in blue uniforms.

At any main intersection you can find a victim of this state endorsed goon squad action. Angry? You should be with armed gangs in blue roaming the streets and in the sky with their new multi-million dollar helicopter. While governments are buying helicopter(s) funding has been slashed for any civilian accountability measures, which were fought for tooth-and-nail in the 1970s and 1980s. But what can you do about it? I mean you can't fuck with the cops, right? Wrong!

### Copwatch

We here at ARA Toronto are building a response along with other friends in the community; using a popular technique as our blueprint. Copwatch is an idea popularized by radical communities in the United States; places like Berkeley, Seattle, Minneapolis or Boston. We intend to go where the cops go, with cameras, notepads and people. We will show the police and government that they cannot just bully people around and get away with it. We will intervene in harassment, by being witnesses for people who decide to fight back in the courts and by building a clear case to show that these are bullies abusing their power to keep us in our "place." And we're going to need as much help as we can get. How can you help?

Copwatch is about building resistance with Toronto's diverse communities. You can help just by not co-operating, not being afraid of the Police. You can support people being harassed, by being a witness to the event, contacting their families (if they're being arrested) or by questioning police officers to distract them and let them know you're watching. A good start is asking for their name and badge number. If someone is being arrested, you can ask what charges are being laid. This is perfectly legal as long as you don't "interfere with police duties".

It is important, however, that you not do this alone. Always have friends with you to serve as witnesses in case you end up in handcuffs. But what's even better is to mobilize your community against police abuse. Spread the word, hand out pamphlets and talk to your neighbors. Every little bit helps in building dissent. And that's really the most important part, letting the cops know that we aren't afraid to stand together.

If we work together, we can turn the tide, beat back their offensive and make the streets of Toronto safe again, for everyone.

## GLOSSARY OF REPRESSION

**Operation True Blue:**
A telemarketing campaign started by the Toronto Police Association to fund their political lobbying and intimidation. This included hiring private detectives to dig up dirt on politicians who vote against the police. For making a donation, people could receive a sticker to mark their car or home. Police Favoritism? You bet! The Police Association backed down on this after a public outcry.

**Julian Fantino:**
The new police chief of Toronto, who is notorious for his anti-queer campaigns as the chief of the London, Ontario force. He rounded up queer people under the guise of child-pornography and led a campaign of harassment.

**The Safe Streets Act**
A piece of Provincial poor-bashing legislation passed recently, it makes it illegal to panhandle, sell goods or sleep on city streets. This, at the same time as shelters are being shut and rent controls are eliminated begs to question: Where are poor people to live?

**The Police:**
A force of people given extra rights and privileges and the mandate to defend property through force and violence.

**Policing:**
Defending property

# Fascist violence

There is a gang of neo-nazis in parts of Toronto's west end and Mississauga. Many of them are of Polish descent. They are very nationalist, yet ignorant of their own people's suffering and near genocide at the hands of the Third Reich. They have been around for at least five years, and have become more violent over the last year.

Most of them are young men, teenage to mid-twenties. When they're alone, they're too scared to flaunt their fascism, so they dress conservative. But in groups they wear boots and bomber jackets with fascist insignia—imitating the "skinhead" look that nazis often try to appropriate.

There's about twenty to thirty of them, which is nothing compared to the number of progressive Polish youth, anti-racists and people of colour in their neighbourhoods. This is probably why they hide their views—unless the whole gang's around.

Last summer, they held pathetic parties in Old Mill Valley. They would leave the park a mess, with swastikas drawn on trees, and piles of empties, garbage and human shit strewn everywhere. Way to go. They stopped when the cops busted them a couple of weeks in a row.

After being relatively quiet for a few months, on February 26, 10 to 15 of them attacked a show at the Stardust Cafe on Queen Street, just east of Dufferin. They ran into the bar with bats, hit as many people as they could and then ran away. They put four people in the hospital.

The concert they attacked was a fundraiser for a children's hospital in Poland, featuring mainly punk and reggae bands. Not only are the nazis racist, but they also seem to hate the idea of health-care for sick kids in their home country, which they claim to love so much!

The promoters of the concert have had problems with the nazis in the past, some of whom play in white power bands. They used to call themselves the "Polskie Burki"—which means the "polish wild dogs" (puleeze!). Now they call themselves the Stalowy Front ("Iron Front").

That same night, a couple were attacked on Queen Street nearby the bar—probably by the same goons. Grossly outnumbering them, the boneheads jumped out of their truck, knocked them to the sidewalk, kicked and stomped them, and then ran back to their truck and drove off.

Two boneheads identified by witnesses to the Stardust attack.

Peter "Hobo" Kryzmowski, left, was one of the fuckers charged for promoting hatred against the Roma people (story below).

The victims talked to the police extensively, giving descriptions, etc.. The boys in blue are doing nothing about it. The cops may have stopped them from shitting in public, but they're willing to let these boneheads beat up innocent people any time they want.

The promoters who had their Feb 26 show attacked have, with the help of ARA, put on two anti-racist concerts since. The first was at that same bar, the Stardust.There was no trouble from the nazis that night. The next show happened at Oasis on College Street (check out pix on the centre spread!). Once again, boneheads didn't show. Too bad!

However, on that same night, the Toronto Star reported that two young men were beaten by a gang of "bald" white men near Old Mill park. We suspect it's the same cowards, preferring to pick on two guys in a dark park rather than challenging us at a downtown bar full of anti-fascists. Surprise surprise.

**ARA is working with people in Parkdale and Mississauga to stop this fascist violence. Watch for public demonstrations against them and other fascists, in their own neighbourhoods in the next few months. Fascists on the attack—fight dem back!**

If you want to stop fascists from organizing in your neighbourhoods and shitting in your parks, call us at 416-631-8835.

# ...court indifference

Anti-racists were left shaking their heads with disgust at a bizarre ruling that wrapped up a two and half year trial of several boneheads charged with "promoting hatred" in Scarborough.

Back in August 1997, the racists had staged a swastika-adorned demonstration outside a motel where some refugee families were staying. The refugees were Roma people, often called Gypsies (a racist term that the Roma have rejected), from the Czech Republic.

Eight boneheads were charged, including Ryan Marshall, Walter Froebrich, Michael Schulz, Bryan Brown, Quinn McFarlane, Krzusztof "Hobo" Kryzmowski, and two youths. Since December 97, they have been going to court every month. One loser, Walter Froebrich, plea-bargained and got off with 30 hours community service, in exchange for a "meaningful" apology that consisted of: "I want to express my regrets to the Court and to the Roma people for participating in the Skinhead [sic] demonstration on August 26th, 1997 in front of the Lido Motel on Kingston Road. I now realize that I was wrong and I apologize to everyone who may have been hurt by my actions that day." Funny—the court never bothered to pass on this "apology" to the Roma people themselves!

Wally must have felt pretty stupid in March when all charges against his "racial comrades" were dismissed. Amazingly enough, the Judge ruled that "there is no evidence whatsoever... that there was wilful promotion of hatred against Roma," and "Nor is there any proof in this case that Gypsy is a pejorative of Roma." He had earlier denied a request from the Crown to check a fucking dictionary.

Obviously, the Crown is appealing, with support from Roma and Jewish advocacy groups.

This whole sham shows why people who actually give a shit about racist organizing can't rely on the courts to take care of business! Is it surprising that a month after this acquittal, boneheads were taking their violence to the next level on the streets of Toronto?

# ARA kicks ass in Chicago

## LIVE FROM ARA-CHICAGO

ARA takes the threat posed from neo-nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, and other racist and fascist groups very seriously. But over last 4th of July, that reality came pounding down like a hammer for all of us.

Benjamin Smith, an organizer for the white supremacist World Church of the Creator, went on a murderous shooting spree through 7 communities in Illinois and Indiana. He killed two men and wounded nine others before killing himself (or possibly being killed by police). All of Smith's targets were either African-American, Asian, or Jewish.

Before the blood was dry or the bodies buried, Matthew Hale, the leader of the World Church of the Creator (WCOTC) had taken to the airwaves, the newspapers, and the internet using Smith's action and the media's attention as an opportunity to promote his organization and ideology. For Hale, the only tragedy, "as far as we are concerned is the loss of one white man."

Meanwhile, Anti-Racist Action Chicago planned our response...

### The World Church of the Creator

Smith's act of racist terrorism was not a first from the WCOTC. Church members have been implicated in and convicted for assaults and murders [across the USA]. The WCOTC's battle cry is RAHOWA–Racial Holy War–an appropriate slogan for their brutal vision to create, step by step, a world for white's only.

In 1996, Matthew Hale, a law student from East Peoria, took control of the Church and moved its headquarters to Illinois...

For ARA, the threat of the WCOTC is not only the acts of terrorism they seem determined to commit on a regular basis. The danger lies in their long-term role of attracting young whites and influencing broader communities of alienated white people with a program of militant white supremacy. They are in violent opposition to the kind of radical solidarity and unity with Black, Latino, and other communities that ARA sees as the starting point for any real rebellion against our common corporate and government oppressors.

### Anti-Racist Action's Campaign

Just a week after the murders, ARA held an anti-fascist rally and vigil at the Matthew Shepard memorial in Boystown, Chicago's main gay district. At the rally we gave Hale and the WCOTC a public notice that this would be the kick-off for our campaign to expose and confront WCOTC organizers in their homes and neighborhoods. Their actions would not go unpunished....

### Outing and Routing the Nazis

In the next few months, ARA organized three outings against WCOTC cadre and advisors—Richard Mayers in Berwyn, Art Jones in Chicago's southwest side, and Justin Frogge in Glenview. All three actions followed the same general pattern. First, teams of anti-racists fanned out through the neighborhood, going door-to-door with a flyer that exposed the nazi's identity and activities. The flyer also called for the neighbors to take a stand against racism and provided ideas on how the community could unite to out-organize the racists.

After covering the neighborhood, the teams rejoined to march on the nazi's house, chanting loudly and bringing a militant presence to their very doorstep. This demonstration forcefully sent the message that we know who they are, where they live, and what they're up to—and that it wouldn't go unchecked.

Our first action took place in Berwyn, where the neighbors responded well to our flyering. It became clear that Richard Mayers was well known in the mixed Latino and white community as an abusive thug; at least one local business had banned him from their premises (all of them gladly posted our flyer in their windows). When we demonstrated in front of his house, Mayer's mother (who clearly was in the dark about her son's beliefs and activities) came out to protect him, though even she was dismayed by the racist slurs he hurled at us. When Mayers attempted to pass his fascist propaganda out in the street, he was pelted with water balloons and his literature shredded.

Our second action took place on the southwest side of Chicago, targeting longtime nazi Art Jones. The majority of his neighbors were unaware and shocked to learn of his fascist history. Though Jones was home, he was too afraid to confront us and remained hidden inside. After a warning statement was read to him over a megaphone, his apartment was pelted with eggs. A polaroid photo was taken of the assembled mob and left inside a boot on his doorstep, with a note stating "This boot's for you!"

In Glenview, our flyering of Justin Frogge's neighborhood was interrupted when Frogge began driving his car around the neighborhood, while wearing a ski mask and swerving at one of our leafletter teams. When we regrouped and staged a demonstration outside his house, we faced off with Frogge and his WCOTC-supporting brother Jeff. Along with a third relative, the Frogge's threatened our demonstration with their doberman, baseball bats, a golf club and an axe. The facedown went a bit awry when an unnerved neighbor from across the street came out of his house and fired a pistol in the air, ordering everyone to evacuate the scene (nazis included). As we made an orderly retreat, police swooped down on us, arresting the whole demonstration. Apparently, Glenview is not quite ready for ARA's brand of excitement.

### Crisis in Decatur

Shortly before the scheduled action in Glenview, a crisis erupted in Decatur, Illinois, causing ARA to focus our campaign there.

After the Decatur school board expelled seven African-American high school students for two years (their crime was fighting at a football game), a family of one of the students invited Jesse Jackson and his Rainbow/PUSH organization down to lead community demonstrations. The heavy-handed zero-tolerance issue and Jesse's involvement began polarizing the region. Large numbers of Black folks (and a small number of whites) were backing the protests and raising other grievances against Decatur's white power structure.

There was also a strong reaction on the part of many racist whites who resented Jackson's "meddling" in Decatur. The situation was ripe for intervention by fascist groups who sought to further polarize the community and recruit from newly energized racists. Indeed, before long Matt Hale announced a WCOTC rally in Decatur to support the school board and denounce the Black protests.

For ARA, the WCOTC's entrance into this volatile situation illustrated exactly why we take them seriously. This provocation would not go unchallenged...

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# ...and Montréal

## LIVE FROM ARA-MONTREAL

Last summer, in a series of vicious bar raid attacks—Montréal boneheads hospitalized over 30 people. They used pepper spray, baseball bats, brass knuckles and crowbars - targeting bars where anti-racist activists, gays and lesbians, homeless and people of colour would tend to frequent. Claude Brunet, Daniel Brunet, Steve Lavallée, Mathieu Dubois, Brant Smith, Alain Letarte, Mathieu Dubois, Sylvain Quirllon) all members of Vinland Hammer Skins and Berzerker Boot Boys, faced 240 criminal charges against them. Police seized three assault rifles (one equipped with telescopic sights and a silencer), hundreds of rounds of ammunition, switchblades and other knives, mace and pepper spray, and lots of racist propaganda. The pre-trial (which lasted three days) for these arrests was held last March - where the nazis taunted the witnesses, intimidated the victims, brought up to 25 of their friends with them, and jumped a Montréal SHARP member with a baseball bat on his way to court!

In their trial in October, the nazis plea bargained their way out of most of the charges. The Crown Prosecutor was doing a disgustingly weak job, and his recommendations were even weaker. But the Judge went against the Crown and extended the sentences they had plea bargained for. He ruled that the attack was premeditated and that "prejudice or hate founded on racism" was an aggravating factor (citing Bill C-41 which calls for harsher sentencing for hate-motivated crimes). Perhaps that had something to do with the fact that every single TV station, newspaper and radio newscaster in the city was present—and their coverage all pushed for harsher sentencing. ARA Montreal organized a demo outside the courthouse—which brought the media there in the first place. We completely outnumbered the nazis this time—and they had to be escorted out a back entrance by police security!

In February, three of the eight boneheads (Brant Smith, Claude Brunet and Daniel Brunet) unsuccessfully tried to appeal their sentences. They got shot down, and shot down bad. The defense argued that the evidence against their clients was weak. The three judges nixed that argument, reminding the defense that their clients all pled guilty instead of going to trial. Then, the defense tried to argue that the sentences didn't reflect the previous convictions each of the three had on their rap sheets. Let's just say that the judges thought the opposite. One judge pointed out that, if they had gone to trial instead of pleading guilty, they would've probably gotten even worse than what the original judge gave them.

So after one more scumbag has his psychiatric evaluation and is sentenced (next month) the case will have finally come to an end. ARA Montréal is more active than ever. In the streets and in the clubs organizing, protesting, educating—making sure that this never happens again in our town. Montréal has the biggest bonehead problem in Canada right now, but with the efforts of ARA and SHARP Montréal—it's getting a hell of a lot better. Our numbers are increasing, the community is getting involved, we're getting positive attention from the media, and we've made damn sure that we won't back down in the face of nazi intimidation!

## MORE FROM ARA-CHICAGO

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On November 21st, Chicago ARA brought several cars of anti-racists down to Decatur... The WCOTC had obtained a permit to rally in the same park pavilion the Klan had used the weekend before. When Matt Hale and eight other WCOTC members arrived that afternoon, they found that the inside of the pavilion had been spraypainted with anti-racist slogans earlier in the day.

The ARA counterdemonstration arrived half an hour before the scheduled rally to find the fascists still setting up and the police just starting to tape off a perimeter. As the demonstration approached the pavilion, the police responded in typical fashion, attacking the group with pepper spray and metal batons to keep us back. Despite this attack, a charge by the anti-racists succeeded in landing a few blows on the WCOTC boneheads and forced them into hiding in the park's bathroom!

While Matt Hale and the rest of the master race holed up in the outhouse, the police went wild on the protest, chasing down and pepper-spraying those they perceived to be leading the anti-racist thrust. Four people were arrested and our megaphone and banner seized as the police attempted to shut us down.

After the arrests, we were able to regroup and conduct an effective counter-demonstration—drowning out Hale with chants and speeches over our backup bullhorn, though this time firmly behind a line of Decatur's notorious SWAT team. The WCOTC drew about 40 supporters to their rally, though we also made contact with anti-racists from Decatur and Urbana.

The police hit us again at the end of the protest, arresting one more for the graffiti. All five of those arrested were charged with trumped-up felonies ranging from Battery on a Police Officer and Mob Action to Criminal Damage to Property. [Since then, all charges have been dropped or settled as misdemeanors.]

### Summing Up

So far, ARA Chicago's ambitious campaign against the WCOTC has been a limited success. ARA has correctly identified the most dynamic, organized fascist threat in our area and done a good job identifying and gathering information on their most active cadre. We've proven that we can consistently organize direct actions against their members and supporters that involve new and mainly young folks while maintaining our physical and political security and integrity...

On the other hand, we need to improve our outreach and involve more people in the militant anti-fascist struggle, especially more people of color. We also need to expand the core of ARA and bring in more people who are committed to planning and carrying out the work. While we have acquired the skills to surprise, outmaneuver, and "hit" the fascists, we do not yet have this same ability to handle the police. Whenever the cops have entered the equation, we have not been prepared enough to avoid (sometimes very costly) arrests.

Overall, in the six-plus months since Benjamin Smith's rampage, ARA Chicago has gained enormous experience as we carry on the

# ARA 2000 urban cultur

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Cheers to the Toronto Video Activist Co
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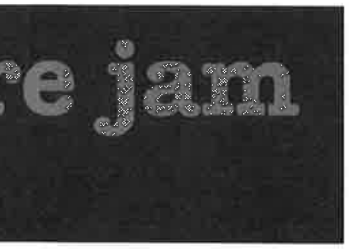

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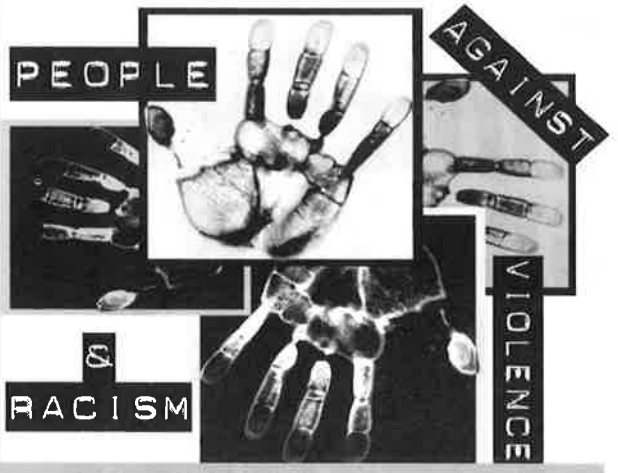
## EASTERN UNDERGROUND ART FRONT

These folks have been organizing shows to bring together Polish youth. Punk bands share a stage with reggae artists, rock 'n rollers, old school dance outfits, and experimental musicians.

After one of their events was attacked by neo-nazi boneheads, they put together a show called People Against Racism & Violence on April 15. On the bill were Anarchol (a totally wicked 80s-style punk band), Rotten from Kitchener-Waterloo, Random Killing, Four for Tea, and Loofka. It was a raucous party—look for more events by this courageous crew!



## FREE MUMIA NOW! benefit concert

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& Motion (far right)
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Michie Mee
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La Bomba
The Ones
DJ Musiklee Inzane
DJ Serious
Son of S.O.U.L....

On December 11, these artists filled the Rivoli to capacity. Many in the crowd were already ardent Mumia supporters. Others just came for the music, and learned a few things by the time it was over.

Friends of MOVE would like to thank Alok, Ryan & everyone else who lent a hand!

# Remember DUDLEY GEORGE

On March 17, 2000, Dudley George would have been 43 years old. Instead, he was murdered in 1995 by Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer Kenneth Deane. Anthony O'Brien "Dudley" George was one of approximately 35 unarmed Stoney Point men, women and children who were defending their territory and burial grounds from an OPP para-military assault when he was fatally shot.

At the close of Labour Day week-end in 1995, Stoney Pointers entered what was then known as Ipperwash Provincial Park, which was constructed on top of Stoney Point burial grounds against the wishes of the Stoney Pointers.

The park was closed for the season and all the campers had left. When they entered the park, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) employees not only handed over the keys to the pumphouse located in the park, they also instructed the Stoney Pointers on how to operate it. The pumphouse maintains the park's water system.

Yet, the day after, on September 5, the OPP began a massive build-up of force including snipers and the riot squad members. The OPP called the Canadian Military for help and requested 50 gas masks, 50 night vision goggles, equipment to intercept cellular phone calls, as well as two helicopters and two tanks. One opposition MPP believes that this was the largest buildup of OPP officers ever to take place.

## Dudley George Shot Dead

On September 6, OPP officers received orders to advance on the Stoney Point People and remove them from the park. In the dark of the night 200 police officers marched up a dark rural road in order to confront the Aazhoodenaang Enjibaajig (Stoney Point People). Riot police, two rows deep, were flanked on both sides by snipers with semi-automatic weapons.

Streetlights had been knocked out, making the dusty back road even darker. Over 1000 rounds of ammunition were fired on the Stoney Pointers. Dudley George was hit by three bullets; one in the leg, one in the upper left clavicle and one in the chest, in the immediate area of the heart. A youth was wounded by another bullet and another person was brutally beaten into unconsciousness by OPP officers.

After Dudley was shot, he was placed in his brother Pierre's car so that he could be driven to the hospital, about 40 minutes away. Pierre was accompanied by his sister Caroline and a youth. Although OPP cruisers surrounded the area, none of them stopped Pierre's car. About half way to the Strathroy hospital, after the car they were driving got a flat tire, Pierre and Caroline decided to stop at a farmhouse in order to call an ambulance. Once the call was placed, Pierre went to Dudley and confirmed that his heart was still beating. After waiting for some time and no ambulance arriving, Pierre and Caroline decided to proceed to the hospital, taking the main roads in hopes that they would run into the ambulance. They only passed more OPP cruisers, however, and despite the flat tire none of the OPP cruisers made any effort to stop them.

When they arrived at the hospital at about 11:30 pm, Pierre and Carolyn were tackled by OPP officers and told they were under arrest for attempted murder. All the OPP officers would say is that they had a report that guns had been shot from a white car. Pierre's car was white. Once in custody, they were held until approximately 3:40 the following day. The last that Pierre saw of his brother was Dudley laying on a stretcher, his arms dangling down the sides.

## Racist Memorabilia

The OPP chose to memorialize the racist murder committed by one of their "exemplary" officers by producing commemorative sweat shirts and mugs. On the sweat shirts, sold only to OPP officers, an OPP crest rests on top of an eagle feather. Forest Pro Sports, the store which produced and sold these items, only stopped selling them when two of Dudley's sisters complained.

Since then, the OPP has refused to identify the officers who concocted the racist memorabilia. And the only punishment officers received was to be sent to workshops on Native culture!

In the day's following the OPP assault, Native people carried out investigations of their own as to OPP actions. Inside the OPP command post they found a map which outlined where OPP officers had been stationed while waiting to assault the Stoney Pointers. When these areas were checked by the Native investigators, several empty liquor and beer bottles were found.

It is an outrage that those responsible for the above incidents have never had to answer publically for their actions. Many questions about OPP actions leading up to and including September 6, 1995 remain unanswered.

Also unanswered are questions about the role of politicians such as Mike Harris, Bob Runciman, Charles Harnick and others in giving orders to the police throughout OPP operations at Stoney Point. Their must be a full and impartial public inquiry so that the truth may be told to all the people of Ontario and beyond.

## No Justice, No Peace!

In April 1997, Kenneth Deane was found guilty of criminal negligence in the shooting death of Dudley George. Not only was he found guilty, Judge Hugh Fraser also found that Deane was lying in

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# Paul Watson: Eco-Warrior or Shameful Racist?

In the fall of 1998, the Makah people revived their tradition of whale hunting. The hunt was part of the Makah culture for 2000 years, and is deeply embedded in their spiritual and cultural traditions. The whale hunt, legally recognized in their treaty of 1855, is being carefully managed by the Makah, and poses no threat whatsoever to the conservation of the Pacific Gray whale. The Makah's own hunting rules forbid the killing of more than 20 whales every five years (or an average of four whales a year). Currently, the growing whale population is more than 20,000. To put the hunt in perspective, the Chukotki (Russian aborigines) have hunted 165 whales a year for the last 30 or 40 years... and the whale population is still growing at a rate of 2.5% a year!

Last year, "Captain" Paul Watson, leader of the Sea Shepherd (or SS) Society attacked the Makah people, opposing their whale hunt as illegal and immoral, and painting the Makah as dupes of international whaling "superpowers" like Japan. This attack was criminal in the context of growing right-wing attacks against Native rights and access to resources. At the height of Watson's campaign Makah people suffered daily death threats from anonymous "whale protectors" who threatened to kill two Makah for every whale killed. This hysterical and racist reaction was a conscious strategy to intimidate the Makah. In the process of these attacks Watson made a lot of friends among racist Republicans, resource company lobbyists, and outright fascists.

### Watson's Racist Allies

Amongst these allies was Rep. Jack Metcalfe, a congressional Republican and anti-tribal activist, and Willis Carto high profile anti-Semite, holocaust denier, and publisher of "The Spotlight" magazine. Ironically, Metcalfe has a long history of voting against environmental measures, and as a lobbyist for resource companies' interests. When confronted about these alliances Watson at first denied them, but then chose to rationalize them instead: "you have to.... take your support where you can get it," he said.

### In his own words...

Paul Watson denies being a racist, but what he prints in his own magazine "The Sea Shepherd Log" exposes him. In an article entitled "The Race Card", Watson moans about his group being attacked as "racists, imperialists, and ethnocentric". Watson writes off such criticisms as "political correctness" out of control. Racism, he argues is a mere "human trivialit[y]" when viewed in the big picture. Well maybe racism is trivial to Watson, who is white, but for its victims it is very real.

Watson doesn't stop there, he dredges up discredited and racist anthropological models of the world, which claim there are only four races, and that Natives aren't even a distinct race: "American Indians are not a race unto themselves but are part of the Mongoloid race...".

He excuses genocide against Native people by claiming that these were the norms of Native society before European contact anyway, arguing that Europeans didn't have to "teach genocide or land stealing to the Indians....". And he denies that Native people in Canada have experienced 150+ years of social injustice. Watson rounds out his ill-informed tirade by re-printing a cartoon from the Victoria Times-Colonist that implies the Makah whale hunt is equivalent to ethnic cleansing in Serbia and human rights abuses in Afghanistan.

### ARA Confronts Captain Paul!

On Wednesday, December 1st, Paul Watson spoke at York University, and ARA confronted him. We asked him about his racist allies, but Watson was quick to yell us down, not letting anyone even finish a sentence. One of his supporters jumped up to the mic in the audience and harangued us from another direction. Watson avoided straight answers, instead choosing to change the subject, and question our sources. Watson is a skilled manipulator, and managed to avoid any "direct hits".

But Watson will have to do better than that if he is to answer the questions that continue to dog him. It's about time Captain Paul publicly disowns his racist allies— that is, if he really doesn't agree with them after all.

"Racism, sexism, class difference... pale into insignificance compared to the laws of ecology... "

Paul Watson

**Dudley George, continued from previous page**

court, stating that Deane had, "concocted a story... in an ill-fated attempt to to disguise the fact that an unarmed man was shot... [Deane was] not honest in [his] statements to police investigators, to the SIU and to this court."

Despite Judge Fraser's harsh words to Deane, when he was sentenced in May 1997, he was given only 180 hours of community service! Recently the Ontario Court of Appeals upheld both the conviction and sentence, however, Deane is now appealing to the Supreme Court.

On March 18, this year, we honoured Dudley George in Sarnia in a march to the Sarnia Court House. This is the same Court House where both Deane and the Stoney Pointers were tried in relation to the events of September 6, 1995. Join us to honour Dudley and to let the cops and the courts know that where there is no justice, we will allow no peace!

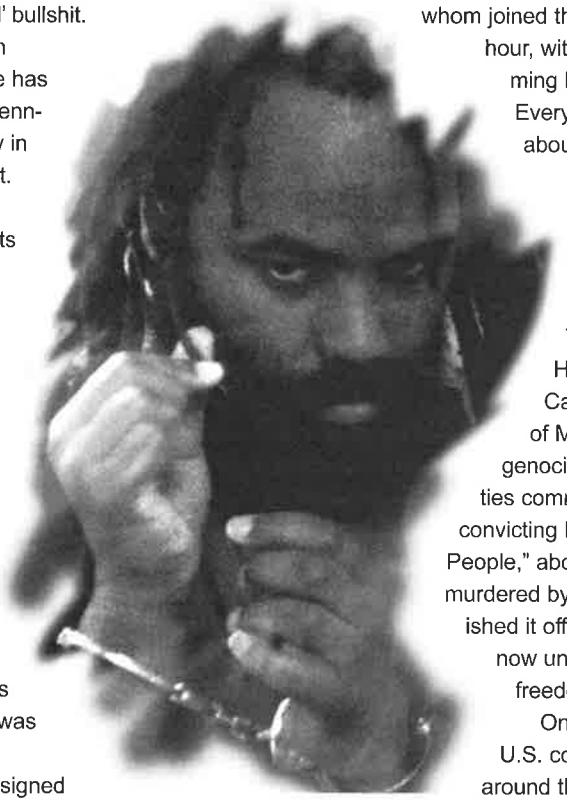
# Voice of the Voiceless

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a political prisoner. A Philadelphia-born journalist and former Black Panther, he is know as "the voice of the voiceless" for covering issues that most mainstream journalists would never touch: Police brutality, and the racism and corruption at the core of the US "justice" system.

Mumia was framed for killing a cop, and was convicted of murder in a 1982 trial marked by lies, coerced testimony, and prosecutorial misconduct. He's lived under the threat of death ever since.

But despite the state's efforts to silence "the voice of the voiceless," Mumia has published books, articles and spoken word CD's. The truth can't be stopped!

Mumia received hearings for a possible retrial in 1995, which were full of the same ol' bullshit. His proposal for a new trial was then rejected. As his case stands now, he has exhausted all his appeals with the pennsylvania state court. His case is now in the hands of the federal district court. By mid-May, Judge William H. Yohn should be ruling whether Mumia gets another evidentiary hearing. If not, a death warrant will be signed, and another tentative execution date will be set. Mumia's lawyers will appeal this decision, and the execution will be stayed. The same process can be repeated to three more levels of federal court before Mumia completely runs out of appeals.



Meanwhile, Mumia is locked down in a cell the size of your bathroom, barely able to speak to anyone!

The fight for Mumia's freedom has been going strong since the day he was convicted. Here in Toronto...

pennsylvania governor tom ridge signed Mumia's death warrant on October 13, 1999—setting his execution date for December 2. As soon as the news reached Toronto's Friends of MOVE, an emergency demonstration was called outside the u.s. consulate, to let the amerikkkan courts know we wouldn't let them murder Mumia. Other groups around the world were doing the same.

In just three days, a rally was pulled together for Saturday, October 16. About 200 anti-fascists, among them many ARA members, showed up outside the consulate chanting "no justice, no peace! till Mumia's release!" The protesters then decided to march up University Avenue and across College to the police headquarters.

When people started to take the street, the kkkops hit protesters with their bikes, harassed protesters, and arrested three of us for no reason. It seems the Toronto kkkops don't like it when we bad-mouth their racist allies in Philly.

Two weeks later, Mumia's death warrant was lifted, and his execution date was stayed indefinitely. This meant his legal team could focus on the fight for a new evidentiary hearing, and the rest of us had time to organize bigger, better demonstrations demanding Mumia's freedom.

The Friends of MOVE pulled together the Free Mumia Now! Coalition, a diverse group of concerned members of the community. On December 4, 300 people met at Allen Gardens and took to the streets. Again, the kkkops tried to stop us, but this time they failed pathetically—thanks to a tight, determined crowd and the strategy of the marshals (many of whom were ARA members). After setting up several road blocks, and even commandeering a truck to cut us off, the kkkops finally gave in and blocked Saturday traffic for us all the way across Dundas to the U.S. Consulate. No power like the power of the people!

There was a huge show of support from passersby, many of whom joined the march. We rallied outside the consulate for an hour, with speakers from all the groups involved and drumming by folks from Stoney Point. There were no arrests. Everyone went home feeling empowered, and excited about the next events we had planned!

A week after, on December 11, the coalition had a hip-hop show at the Rivoli (see the centre spread for pix). Our first event of the new year was on January 27. we had a pay-what-you-can movie night at U of T's Innis College Theatre. The theatre was packed out. We showed HBO's brilliant documentary, "Mumia Abu-Jamal: A Case for Reasonable Doubt?" which tells the story of Mumia's life, the Philadelphia PD's attempted genocide of the MOVE organization, and all the atrocities committed by the Pennsylvania injustice system in convicting Mumia. Next we showed "All Power to the People," about other political prisoners and innocent people murdered by the police. A clip from our December 4 march finished it off. Those who were unfamiliar with Mumia's story now understood why we won't give up the fight for his freedom!

On February 28, we had another rally outside the U.S. consulate, in solidarity with other demonstrations around the world.

We need to keep the pressure on! The coalition is planning another march on the weekend of May 13, to mark the 15th anniversary of a philadelphia bombing by the police which left 11 dead and 61 houses destroyed. Sometime soon there will be public forum on "Mumia and the Media" in which we'll tear apart the lies about Mumia perpetrated by the mainstream media, like Vanity Fair magazine, 20/20 and Toronto's own NOW magazine. There will be another fundraiser hip-hop show soon, and our friends at Shock to the System Press are working on a 200-page documentary comic book on Mumia's life.

**Here's what you can do:**

• Call 416-760-2152 to get involved in the Free Mumia Now! Coalition or for regular updates.

• For more info on Mumia's case, check out www.mumia.org. The truth must come out! Ona move!

• And, write to Mumia himself. His address is:
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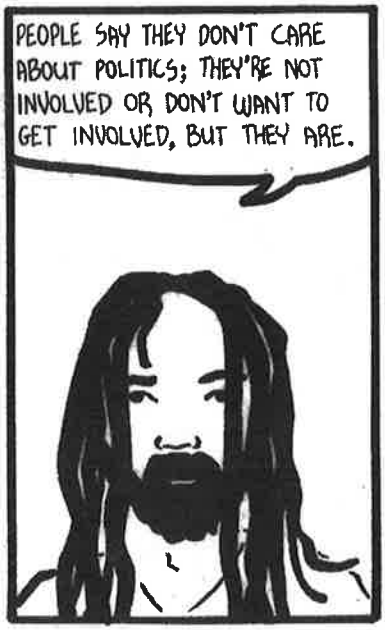

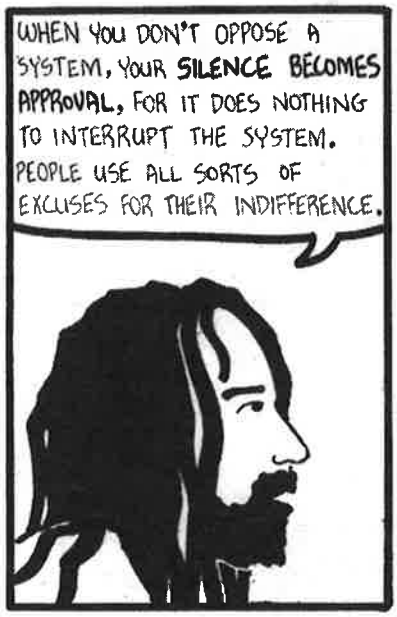

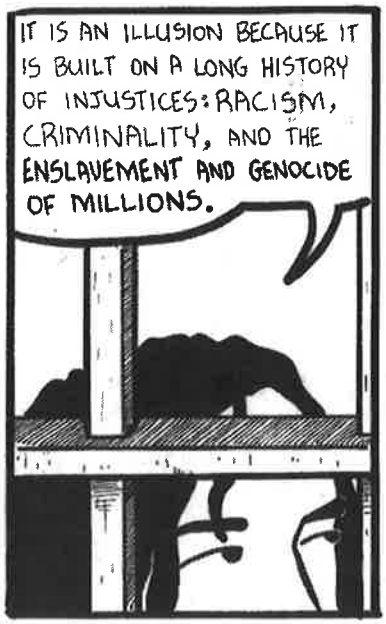


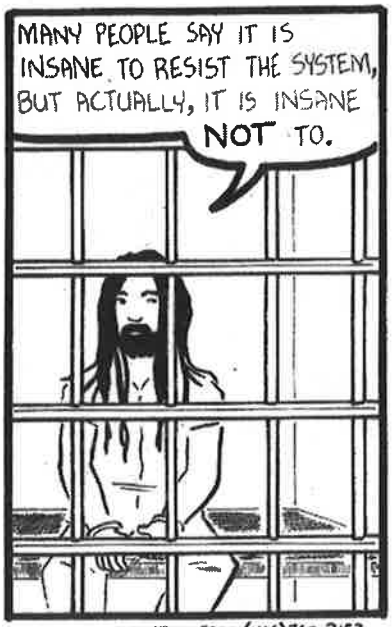


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# TORONTO'S ANTI-RACIST ACTION

came together in September 1992, at a time when white supremacist groups were making a bid for mainstream credibility and recruiting white youth as shock troops for their genocidal plans. Since then we have been working in schools, in our neighborhoods, and on the streets to show the strength of our opposition to white supremacy and fascism, as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society.

We are part of the ARA Network, a growing network of more than 130 anti-racist/anti-fascist groups in North America.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF INJUSTICE & RESISTANCE

A Stoney Point burial ground was bulldozed in the 1930s during the creation of Ipperwash Provincial Park. Then, in 1942 the Canadian government invoked the War Measures Act and kicked out the Aazhoodenaang Enjibaajig from their unceded territory, promising to return the land when it was no longer needed by the military. After the War, the Stoney Pointer's territory was used only as a summer camp for military cadets. The Ontario Provincial Police also trained at Stoney Point.

After 50 years of patience, the Stoney Pointers began moving home in 1990 when Daniel R. George, Sr. was buried in the sacred Aazhoodena burial grounds. Three years later Stoney Pointers returned home for good when they set up tents, lean-to's and trailers on the firing ranges of Camp Ipperwash. After enduring two years of harassment by military personnel and surviving through two winters on the ranges, the Stoney Pointers moved into the military barracks and the remaining military personnel vacated in July of 1995.

In September 1995, Dudley George was shot by the OPP while defending the burial grounds located in what was called Ipperwash Provincial Park. Today, there are memorials for Dudley George throughout the territory, as well as reminders of the military's presence (like the bullet-ridden tree shown above.) Stoney Pointers and their allies have been calling for a public inquiry ever since. The demonstration shown above was held in Toronto in 1997.